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The New York Democratic State Committee will meet at Saratoga next Tuesday to make arrangements for the State Convention.

Gen. Butler, ex-secretary Robeson and Oliver V. Barrett of Washington, have organized a company to go into the stock raising business on a big scale.

The President has left the Capital for a few weeks and the "optimistic" parlour mill will cease grinding except in the matter of fourth-class postmasters, until his return.

The New York *World* has an evidence of the President's Democratic simplicity says that he thinks his refreshments straight from an earthen jug with a corn cob pipe.The New York *Sun* or *Star* thinks there is little doubt that the New York Democratic State Convention will endorse President Cleveland's civil service policy. How in the world can the Convention induce what does not exist?The Boston *Post*, which a few days since called for a public reception in honor of Chairman Brown, recently refrains from any allusion to the First Assistant Postmaster General's severe arraignment of his office by the *Advertiser*.

George William Curtis says "A removal of a Republi- can in office for offensive partisanship is to give a moral pledge to the country that a Democratic successor would be removed for the same cause." How about Aquilla Jones? He seems to hold the fort still.

The colored postmaster at Nedder Miss, has been removed on the ground that he is an "offensive partisan, in being the chairman of a Republican County Committee, and the chairman of the Democratic Committee appointed in his place. This shows the Democratic friendship for the colored people.

It is now asserted that many people in Washington are of the opinion that the correspondence between the President and "a man" who acknowledged that he had recommended an unfit appointment, was a carefully arranged plan to enable the President to excuse the frequent bad appointments that have been made by charging them to just such a number.

It is interesting to note that just at this time when the free traders are insisting that the tariff question will again be agitated at the next session of Congress, the House of Lords is discussing the appointment of a commission to inquire into the causes of the present depression of British trade. If free trade is the panacea for business depression what means this alarming stagnation in England?

The following is a sketch of reform Secretary Whitney's idea of reform. Quite recently John Calhoun was made foreman of the iron platers in the Norfolk Navy Yard by order of Secretary Whitney. Mr. Calhoun was also chosen from the position a year ago by the Civil Service Commission. It was a dog that bit a string to Mr. Hendricks' button hole. Mr. Cleveland was pictured in the paper as walking between the dog and his master in such a way as to let the string catch one leg and the master bracing themselves to trip the President. This picture showed Mr. Cleveland headed toward non-partisan government, and Mr. Hendricks and Mr. Jones pulling backward toward the spoils system. It was accompanied by a legend giving the information that the call of the ticket wanted to go backward.

This coming from the Mugwump organ from the paper that claims to have elected Cleveland, was very significant. It exposed the whole of the party. The members of the Independents have claimed to exercise a great influence over Mr. Cleveland in the matter of appointments. It meant, if it meant anything, that the party had come to the point where the bonds divided Mr. Hendricks, won, the party would go backward and the other party forward.

Mr. Jones held his place the victory would be for Hendricks. Mr. Jones does hold his place. The Civil Service Commission has made its report to the President on the charges in regard to the Civil Service Commission. Let the attitude of apostles and elders.

They report that the action of Postmaster Jones in the beginning was quite according to the spirit and letter of the Civil Service rules. While it is not possible to decide whether or not the whole of the public alterations of the rules merit the rebuke the commissioners think the Postmaster has not been raised and that he has not any intention of relaxing the rules.

The inference is that he failed as a Democrat and as a Republi- can. His name was raised about him, and then took the back track. His commission excuse the Postmaster because, after investigation, they believe that he was not fully informed as to the full meaning of the rules in regard to political discrimination.

While they believe this, they believe also that the storm that has been raised about him will make him more careful to the future than he has been in the past. In other words, the Civil Service Commission or the Civil Service Commission has not given him much influence in Washington and New York, but when the Commission comes out to his state it finds that Mr. Hendricks is too strong to be ignored, and that it is too strong to be beaten.

The President by this act encourages the Democrats of that city to continue their outrageous practices.

It certainly looks as though Mr. Bass was losing his grip on the party, unless a meeting of the faithful was held at Waterbury yesterday at which the Hon. Wm. C. Brown presided and instead of any action being taken on the Commercial's suggestion that Brown should resign, it is reported that the "stupid and cowardly" chairman was freely denounced by prominent Democrats from all over the State. At the Commercial has been sneaking at Brown for some time. It is only fair to interpret this denunciation as intended for that "party organ." If this is the case, it would indicate that the party throughout the State is getting as weary of Mr. Bass as are the Democrats of this city.

The Commercial is forced to admit that it deliberately lied when it stated, in attempting to excuse its lack of enterprise in failing to report the immortal services, that "other newspapers, when they publish anything of the same kind, add a supplement and put in the usual amount of local and miscellaneous news," as every daily paper in the State except the Commercial contained a full report and not one of them published a supplement.

It is fitting that such a sheet should designate as "dry, uninteresting, flat and unreadable," the eloquent and impressive prayer of Rev. Dr. Field, and the able addresses delivered by ex-Vice President Hamlin, Rev. Father O'Brien and Wm. H. McCollis, Esq., in honor of the memory of Gen. Grant.

The intimate friends of Gen. Grant, including former members of his Cabinet and some of his trusted advisers, who have attended the Grant funeral and returned here, says a Washington despatch, are agreed that the Riverside Drive is not a suitable place for burial. They found that those who held the nearest relations to Gen. Grant, from all sections of the country, are of the same opinion. Some of them go so far as to say that choice seemed to have been inspired by those who were engaged in a real estate speculation. It is said to be a fact that the land in the immediate vicinity of the tomb has risen in value, from ten cents per square foot, to one dollar and a quarter since the grave was located there. Riverside Park, in fact, is not a park. It is a good way used chiefly for fast driving.

It is feared that Frederick A. Gower, the husband of Lillian Norton (Mrs. Norton), the prima donna, has lost his life while making a balloon ascension in France. He was a native of Maine, as is his wife. Gower was not much of a student, however, and was not graduated with his class. He became a reporter on the Providence Journal, but when the telephone was invented he dropped newspaper work and devoted himself to it. He conducted himself with A. G. Bell and acquired a large fortune, though originally very poor, by introducing the telephone abroad, where he has since spent most of his life. His name figured prominently in the papers a few years ago in connection with some rows with caricatured boats in English waters, having attempted to prove that this style of American boats were faster than those of British build. He married Miss Norton in Paris about three years ago, but it was recently intimated that she had decided to live no longer with him. He has always been devoting his attention to the study of the balloon as a war engine, and his English friends have not heard of him since his ascent in a balloon at Cherbourg, July 13. Not long ago it was announced that a balloon with an empty basket had been picked up an English channel. Gower has been said to be worth \$1,000,000.

Some time since Mr. Caldwel, who was for some time editor of the *American* and *Advertiser*, said that the expenses of the Prohibition campaign in Ohio were paid in part by the Democratic State Committee. His statement having been denied, Mr. Caldwel wrote the *Cincinnati Commercial Gazette* as follows:

What I have said on the rostrum and in print over my own signature respecting the co-operation existing between the Democratic and Prohibition parties in the election of the American's Prohibitionist is true.

It does seem to me that I ought to know what I am talking about, when all the money was paid into my hands and I told G. Thompson holds my receipt. I have no personal knowledge against the Prohibitionists, but I am not afraid to stand second to no man in earnestness and honesty of purpose in the fight against rum, but when my word is disputed by any man who should say "Amen, take my pen in hand and tell me what you say." I am not afraid to stand second to no man in earnestness and honesty of purpose in the fight against rum, but when my word is disputed by any man who should say "Amen, take my pen in hand and tell me what you say."

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